One of the most stubborn fires that has occurred in the downtown district in some time broke out last night in the five story stone building at No. 55 Warren-st. It spread to the building in the rear, in Murray-st., and for a time threatened adjoining buildings. Three alarms were turned in, and after two hours of hard work the firemen had the blaze under control. Fifty thousand dollars was the estimate

of the damage. The fire was discovered by the engineer of a Sixth-ave, elevated train bound for the South Ferry. The engineer noticed a thin column of smoke issuing from the windows on the fourth floor of the building at No. 55 Warren-st. Putting on full steam, the engineer swept around the curve from West Broadway into Murray-st., where, in the middle of the block, are the quarters of Fire Patrol No. 1. Stopping the train in front of the quarters, the engineer blew his whistle in sharp, successive blasts. The fire-men rushed into the street to see what had happened. "There's a fire around the corner!" the engineer shouted from his cab.

By the time the firemen arrived in Warrenst, flames completely enveloped the two upper floors of the building and were bursting from the windows. The four upper floors were occupled by the New-York Bag Company. The large quantities of paper and leather goods burned fiercely.

Four firemen from Engine Company No. 7 mounted the fire escape on the front of the building with a line of hose. They were directing a stream into the roaring furnace on the third floor when the flames shot out of the window, enveloping them. One by one they climbed down to the second floor. Then while immense crowds cheered them they mounted the fire escape again to the third floor. Flames swept around them and six times they were driven back. It seemed as if they were courting death, Finally, water tower No. 1 was placed in front of the building, and the powerful stream of water it poured into the third story gave the firemen a position from which to fight the

The flames ate through to the top floor, and burst through the roof.

The building in the rear, No. 55 Murray-st., is occupied by A. L. Tuska, importer and dealer in Japanese art goods. The two upper floors of that building were burning briskly when firemen broke through to get to the roof to fight the flames that were rapidly destroying the Warrenst, building. Several companies were immediately sent through the Murray-st, building with lines of hose, and before the fire had gained much of a start they had it under control.

The fire in the Warren-st. building burned down to the ground floor, occupied by Surpless, Dunn & Co., dealers in hardware. The Sixth-ave, electric cars and the L trains

were blocked for more than an hour.

Chief Croker directed the work of the men.

Last July fire broke out on the third floor
of No. 55 Warren-st. The damage was then
\$20,000. As at last night's fire, the cause was

WINS "SPITE HOUSE" ESTATE SUIT

WIDOW OF JOSEPH RICHARDSON DEFEATS CLAIM OF HIS DAUGHTER AND NIECE. Mrs. Emma Richardson, the widow of Joseph

Richardson, of "spite house" fame, has defeated Emily Emmett, his niece, in the suit brought by her to compel the estate of Mr. Richardson to pay to her \$30,000, with interest, claimed by Miss Em nett to be due her on a promissory note signed by Richardson. The suit, which was tried before

Mr. Richardson. The suit, which was tried before Justice White and a jury, is one of many claims made against the estate by Miss Emmett and Delisripha Richardson, a daughter.

Miss Richardson and her brother, who were stepchildren of Mrs. Richardson, bitterly fought the probate of the will. They were unsuccessful. Miss Richardson and her cousin, Miss Emmett, then brought several actions against the estate, in which they alleged that they owned stocks on which they alleged that they owned stocks on which they had loaned Mr. Richardson money. Of these suits the action tried before Justice White was the first adjudicated.

Mrs. Richardson contended that the stocks belonged to her husband, and were placed in the names of Miss Emmett and Miss Richardson by Mr. Richardson solely for business purposes. A verdict was returned yesterday in her favor.

BURNE-JONES INCIDENT CLOSED.

THE PAINTER TO BE ALLOWED TO EXHIBIT HERE

-PICTURES VALUED AT \$20,000. The Burne-Jones incident at the Custom Hous

has been closed by the filing of a bond under which the painter, Sir Philip Burne-Jones, is to exhibit his paintings, here with the sworn intention of send-ing them back to England afterward. The valua-tion given in the bond is 23,877 lbs for the paintings and 444 fs for the frames.

ANOTHER MOVE IN MAGISTRATE FIGHT.

BROOKLYN LEADERS TO HAVE BILL PROVIDING POR APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR LOW INTRODUCED

ers in Kings County have decided to send a bill to the legislature providing for the appointment of magistrates by the Mayor. This will give Mayor Low an opportunity to appoint all the magistrates Low an opportunity to appoint all the magistrates elected last November. The bill will be given to Senator Fuller, and all the Republican representatives from Brooklyn will be instructed to support it. The decision of the Appellate Division favoring the old magistrates was a distinct surprise to the Republican leaders, who confidently felt that it would settle the controversy in favor of the elected magistrates. The Republican leaders are confident that the bill will pass, receive the approval of the Governor and that Mayor Low will appoint all the elected magistrates.

A DINNER FOR DR. W. H. DRUMMOND. The Canadian Society of New-York will tender to Dr. William Henry Drummond, of Montreal, the well known Canadian poet, and author of "The

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Habitant," a complimentary dinner at the Arkwright Club, No. 320 Broadway, on next Tuesday evening. The society expects, in addition to its own members, a large attendance from other Canadians residing in the city of New-York and vicinity.

Professor Charles G. D. Roberts and Bliss Car-Professor Charies G. D. Roberts and Bliss Carman, the Canadian poets, with Dr. Drummond, will
read from their writings. John Kendrick Bangs will
deliver an address introductory to the readings.
Among the other guests at the dinner will be Richard Watson Glider, Max O'Rell, Francis Whiting
Halsey, Frederick James Gregg, William B. Howland, Major J. B. Pond, J. Bishop Putnam and
Dr. William Lyon Pheips, professor of English
literature, Yale University. Applications for dinner tickets may be made to A. J. McDougall, No.
236 Broadway.

CENSURE FOR EBSTEIN.

BROOKLYN LEAGUE SAYS HE DISRE-GARDS EXCISE VIOLATIONS AND FOOTPADS.

The Brooklyn League, which has been inactive for about six months, came out yesterday with a set of resolutions and a long statement, which were sent to Deputy Police Commissioner Ebstein and the newspapers, calling attention to flagrant violations of the excise law and to the fact that disreputable women and footpads infest the principal streets of the borough at night. The statement names certain "vile resorts" as within three blocks of Police Headquarters, one within a few The Brooklyn League, which has been inactive ment names certain "vile resorts" as within three blocks of Police Headquarters, one within a few doors of the Adams-st. police station, of which Eddie Milan is said to be the proprietor, and another at Flatbush and Third aves, where a man is said to have been robbed of all his clothing and sent home in an old suit borrowed from the pro-prietor. The statement declares that Deputy Po-lice Commissioner Ebstein is censurable, "because of his utter disregard of the deplorable situation

of affairs in Brooklyn." Commissioner Ebstein, when seen by a Tribune reporter after the receipt of the Brooklyn League's literature, said:

"I am amazed that such a condition exists in Brooklyn. I had a notion that Brooklyn, when compared with other cities of its size, was a pretty good place to live in. I cannot believe that all these things have spring up since January 1. In the preamble and resolution sent to me I had not noticed that any resorts supposed to be inhabited by disreputable characters were specified. I see, however, that the statement sent to the newspapers does name certain places. This refers to a place supposed to be kept by Eddi- Milan, in Myrtle-ave.

I shall have that investigated at once."

Commissioner Ebstein called Captain Bedell, of
the Adams-st. station, who was at headquarters, and instructed him to make an investigation of the resort, and to have it constantly watched.

"If the Brooklyn League will furnish me with a list of these resorts." Mr. Ebstein continued, "I will have an investigation instituted in each case, I am most anxious to co-operate with the Brooklyn League in anything that may tend to benefit Brooklyn. They refer to robberies in the streets of Brooklyn at night, and I must say that I never have met any of these objectionable characters, either men or women. I shall be glad to receive any specific information from the members of the league. That would assist me very materially. I shall be happy to do anything in my power to pre-vent anything that may reflect on the fair name of our borough."

JEROME NOT IN THIS SCHEME.

HIS NAME USED WITHOUT CONSENT IN A BOSTON MINING ENTERPRISE.

Down in Boston there's an old man with his mind giving way, and some Jersey City folks are trying to get him to go into a stock flotation scheme on the assertion that District Attorney Jerome is, or is soon to be, a stockholder in the concern. Ed-win C. Lewis, a lawyer, of No. 7 Exchange Place, Boston, wrote the District Attorney a letter on or about March 10. He says that his client is in a state of sensity, and that certain promoters are trying to get his money away from him. In his letter to Mr. Jerome he says:

letter to Mr. Jerome he says:

A client of mine has been approached to invest in the stock of a company engaged, or about to engage, in the manufacture of a food product called — He was informed by the promoters thereof that you are personally interested, or about to become so, in said company.

I understand that this concern is being floated by some Jersey City parties, and that they have a factory over there with the machinery all in place. It will oblige me very much if you will feel at liberty to state whether you really are interested in any such concern or not, and whether any statements as to any interests you may have, present or future, are accurate or not.

Of course, any information you may give me will be treated as professionally confidential.

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Lewis asking Mr. Jerome if he was interested in a gold mine, as his client had been approached by the same promoters with the statement that Mr. Jerome had invested heavily in a new Eldorado, and that a few substantial men were being let into the investment on the "ground floor." Mr. Jerome lost no time in sending Mr. Lewis the

In reply to your letter of March 14 I beg to state

"I think the correspondence might as well be published," said Mr. Jerome 'ast night, "so that If any one is trying to victimize some weak-minded man by saving that I am connected with an enter-prise that his money is wanted for the facts may be made public in Boston at once."

OBITUARY,

EDMUND BURKE.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 15.-Edmund Burke, son of Francis P. Burke, of New-York, died here As a result of the decision of the Appellate Division in Brooklyn on Friday, the Republican leaders in Kings County have decided to send a bill to

MRS. HARRIET DUER GEDNEY

Goshen, N. Y., March 15 (Special).-Mrs. Harriet Duer Gedney, widow of Judge David Fowler Gedney, died in Goshen to-day, aged eighty-three years. She was the youngest daughter of Alexander Duer, who died in 1819. His brothers, William and John Duer, were both Supreme Court justices. Her grandfather was Colonel William Duer, who married Lady Katherine Alexander, daughter of the Revolutionary general, Lord Stirling.

OBITUARY NOTES. Cleveland, March 15.-F. W. Peiton, president of the Citizens' Savings and Loan Association, and one of the most prominent bankers of this city, died to-day from pneumonia, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Pelton was Mayor of Cleveland from 1872 until 1874, and subsequently was City Treasurer.

Ardmore, Ind. Ter., March 15.-Tecumseh McClure, an aged Chickasaw Indian, is dead at his home near Davis, north of here. He was a prominent Indian, and had held most of the important offices of the Indian government. At the time of his death he was an Indian Senator. The burial took place yes-terday afternoon at Paul's Valley. He is the third prominent Chickasaw Indian to die within the last

A BUSINESS DIRECTORY FREE is virtually what is given with to-day's paper in those "Little Ads. of the People."

CHARGES AGAINST A MARSHAL DISMISSED Washington, March 15.-The Civil Service Commission has dismissed the complaints recently filed against United States Marshal Austin, of Tennessee, alleging violations of the Civil Service law in connection with the campaign for Congress in the 11d Tennessee District. The commission decided that there were no facts given sufficient to sus-tain the compilant.

JAMES R. KEENE'S VACATION.

James R. Keene, it is said in Wall Street, will be m New-York for the next ten days or two weeks. He is going as far south as Palm Beach, and will probably spend a day or two at Jekyl

HERE IN INTEREST OF COLORED SCHOOL. The Rev. W. B. Perry, whose address here is No. 115 West Twenty-seventh-st., is in town in the interest of the John S. Dix Industrial School of Dinwiddie, Va. The school, which occupies the old Winfield Scott place at Dinwiddie Court House, being centrally placed in a large colored popula-tion, has not established a curriculum of higher education, but aims to teach the colored youth of education, but aims to teach the colored youth of the South to be self-supporting in the trade or business to which they may seem best adapted. The school has now been in existence two years, has been supported by private subscription, and yet, besides paying its running expenses, has ac-cumulated by gift property worth more than \$20,000. Alexander Van Rensselaer, of Philadelphia, has lately created a dormitory in memory of his father, the Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, which has every modern school convenien e.

TRAIN ROBBER DROWNED.

BARTOW WARREN, FOR WHOSE ARREST SOUTH CAROLINA OFFERED \$1,000, DEAD.

Columbia, S. C., March 15,-The body of a man found yesterday in the Edisto River was to-day identified as that of Bartow Warren, South Carolina's first and only train robber of distinction. For the third time in two years the Charleston-Columbia express, on the Southern Railroad, was held up six weeks ago at the same spot and robbed of loose packages and the through safe. This was put in wagon backed to the car door and driven off. There were seven robbers in the party, and Warren was believed to be the leader, although, as he had in cold blood murdered a witness against him, there was a reward of \$1,000 for his capture, and capture meant conviction.

The body was found just below where the safe was taken off. It had been badly eaten by fishes, but there was no difficulty in identification. All the express money packages were in the pockets, also

six accomplices.

The express people at first believed the corpse was a ruse of Warren's to put them off the track. Richardson, the route agent, who went to the scene to-day, was convinced that Warren had sent the two messages to him proposing to kill him on the convergence.

EXCEED TAMMANY BY A MILLION.

EXPENSES-CANTOR AND SWANSTROM ALONE CUT-GROUT TO FIGHT INCREASE

The revised estimates for borough expense exceed the estimates of the old Board of Estimate and Appertionment by more than \$1,000,-000. The only borough presidents who cut down the Tammany estimate are Messrs. Cantor and Swanstrom. The former says he can get along with \$123,043 less than the Tammany officials set aside for the borough, while Mr. Swanstrom thinks he can get along with \$70,000 less.

The old board's estimate for Manhattan Borough expenses was \$1,840,787.32; Mr. Cantor's revised estimate, \$1.717,747 03; decrease, \$123,-043. Of this reduction, \$114,036 is in salaries alone, while the Buildings Department is credited with a reduction of \$56,000.

The old board estimated that The Bronx would The old board estimated that The Bronx would need \$1,048,036 68 for 1902; the revised estimate by Mr. Haffen puts the proposed expenditures at \$1,342,388, an increase of \$294,351.

The Tanmany estimate for Queens Borough was \$514,806; revised estimate by Mr. Cassidy, \$1,300,000; increase, \$785,194.

Tammany estimate for Richmond Borough, \$247,980; revised estimate by Mr. Cromwell, \$441,767; increase, \$193,789.

Mr. Swanstrom's detailed figures are not in. Controller Grout told a Tribune reporter last week that he intended to fight every proposed increase of department expenditures, no matter who asked for them.

MONEY FOR NEW THEATRE.

ONE-THIRD OF NECESSARY \$200,000 ALREADY SUBSCRIBED-TO BE AT FULTON

AND LAWRENCE STS.

A large piece of property at Fulton and Lawrence sts, has been purchased by a syndicate of Brooklyn men, and one-third of the necessary \$200,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of building a large theatre, which is to compare favorably with the Montauk Theatre, Breoklyn's most elaborate play house. The property purchased has a frontage in Fulton-st. of 60 feet, a depth of 100 feet and a front-

DR. MEREDITH COMING HOME.

TELEGRAM REPORTS HIM AS STANDING

According to a dispatch received by A. H. Sax ton, president of the board of trustees of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, the Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith, the pastor of the church, who has been seriously ill in Mexico, is coming home by easy stages. Yesterday Mr. Saxton received the following telegram from Mrs. Meredith:

Zacatecas, Mexico, March 14, Wer at San Antonio. Mr. Saxton says that reports from Mrs. Meredit.

WOMEN PLEDGED TO RAISE \$20,000.

THEY HAVE ALREADY ADVANCED \$1,500 FOR Y. M. C. A. BRANCH,

For furthering a project to erect in the Eastern District a large branch of the Young Mon's Chris tian Association, a number of prominent have pledged themselves to raise \$25,000, of which 3.500 has aiready been subscribed. The women have organized the Women's Advisory Building Committee, and recently held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Mollenhauer, No. 167 Hewes-st

UNIVERSITY CLUB ELECTS COUNCIL The University Club last night elected members of the council and of the committee on admission for the ensuing year. The following men were chosen to serve on the council to March, 1866; George A. Adee, Francis R. Appleton, Charles T Barney, Robert C. Cornell and Cornelius C. Cuyler Those elected for the committee on admissions were C. Ledyard Blair, Charles O. Brewster, Fredwere C. Ledyard Biair, Charles O. Brewster, Fred-erick C. De Veau, Andrew C. Imbrie, John H. Prentice, William Sloane and George Woolsey. Mr. Barney, of the council, and Messrs. Brair, Brewster, De Veau and Woolsey, of the committee, were re-elected, their terms being about to come to an end. Mr. Appleton had served on the com-mittee on admissions. The ticket was elected without change as reported from the nominating committee.

REVISION FOR ALL ELIGIBLE LISTS. Colonel Willis L. Ogden, chairman of the Mu alcipal Civil Service Commission, when seen at his

said: "The cancelling of the present eligible lists has been in the air for months. Now we do not know just what we will do. Next Saturday our com-mission will have a conference with the members of the State Civil Service Commission, and after that we will know where we are at a little better. Fiture action depends entirely on the disposition of Mayor Low's bills now before the legislature. All of the eligible lists will be revised in some way. Of that we are sure."

FRANKLIN COUNTY REUNION.

The third annual dinner of the Franklin County Society was eaten last night at Delmonico's. It marked a climax of three years, on which the offi-cers of the society based their hopes for the success of the society's efforts to bring about closer relations between the sons of the county living in New-York City. The result was beyond expectations, more than eighty former residents of the county being present. Ashhei P. Fitch presided, and among the speakers were Frederick D. Kil-burn, State Superintendent of Banking; Senator George R. Malby, of St. Lawrence County; Justice Charles H. Truax, president of the Oneida County Society; John R. Van Wormer, president of the Jefferson County Society, Commodore P. Vedder, president of the Cattaraugus County Society; ex-Justice William Rumsey, president of the S County Society, and Martin E. McClary, of Malone. County Society, and Martin E. McClary, of Malone. The following officers were elected for the easuing year: President, Ashbel P. Flich, first vice-president, Daniel P. Morse; second vice-president, Edwin E. Dickinson, secretary, Dr. Le Roy W. Hubbard; treasurer, Louis M. King; executive committee, William C. Breed, Frederick L. Allen and Benjamin S. Orcutt; Franklin County Committee, Martin E. McClary, Frederick J. Seaver, N. M. Marshall, Robert C. Thompson and A. C. Hadley.

WATER INSPECTOR LOSES JOB

E. J. M'GAFFNEY DISMISSED ON METER SIONER DOUGHERTY.

J. Hampden Dougherty, Commissioner of Water Supply, yesterday announced the dismissal of Edward J. McGaffney, of No. 502 East Fifteenth-st., a general inspector of water neters, on charges. Mr. Dougherty refused to discuss the case, but Deputy Commissioner De Long said it grew out of the recent meter scandals.

Gaffney yas appointed on September 20, 1899. and received \$1,500 a year. He was one of two general inspectors, and had twenty-four inspectors under him.

Commissioner Dougherty said he had discovered another place where the proper register of meters had not been followed. This was in Huber's Museum. It has been found that an S-inch pipe leading to the museum from Thirteenth-st has no water register. This pipe has been there for about ten years, and at no time, said the Commissioner, had a register been in use. Another pipe leading from Fourteenth-st, was also found, on which the register showed that only a small amount of water had been used. The Commissioner is having an investigation made by inspectors, and they will report in a few days. Commissioner Dougherty said he had discov in a few days.

WENT TO WAKE; BOTH DEAD.

AGED COUPLE ASPHYXIATED AFTER

on the lower floor of No. 92 Stone-ave., Brook lyn, were asphyxiated in their bedroom yester day through a defect in the gas stove connec tion. He was sixty-four years old and she was sixty-three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Herdt had spent the night before at a wake over the body of Mr. Herdt's brother, in Manhattan. They returned to their home early in the morning and retired. About 7 o'clock last night a member of the family went to their bedroom and found the room full of gas. Both Mr. Herdt and his wife were dead. The gas stove had been shifted, and that had caused a split in the tubing. This had allowed the gas to escape freely into the room, and probably it had been flowing for at least four hours when it was discovered. Mr. Herdt had been retired for several years.

EVIDENCE IN M'AULIFFE CASE.

POLICE COMMISSIONER FURNISHES IT TO JEROME-ITS NATURE NOT DIVULGED.

The District Attorney's office received vesterlay afternoon from Police Commissioner Partridge the evidence that the Commissioner and als aids have gathered in the case of James McAuliffe, the Glennon witness, who is thought by some to have been murdered. It was admitted that the District Attorney's office was placed in possession of additional facts, but neither the police nor any one in the District Attorney's office would state the nature of the

THE CHEERFUL IDIOT is one who will travel all over town looking for something he might find in the "Little Ads. of the People" in to-day's paper.

OFFERINGS AT THE STORES.

THE AMERICAN ART ASSOCIATION, Madison Square South, announces a public sale to-morrow at 2 p. m. and on Tuesday at 8 p. m., of some valu-tible paintings by American and foreign artists.

JOHN DANIELL, SONS & SONS, Broadway and Eighth-st., offer the correct styles in Easter mil-inery, including round hats, toques and bonnets. HAHNE & CO., Newark, N. J., are offering their lew line of furniture, floor coverings and up-coisteries at moderate prices, and much that is new a costumes and materials for making costumes.

R. J. HORNER & CO., furniture makers and im-orters, Nos. 61, 63 and 65 West Twenty-third-st., uncounce their spring exhibition of late productions in the furniture world. KOCH & CO., One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st.,

spring opening in millinery and an exhibition of women's and misses' suits, cloaks and waists. JOSEPH P. M'HUGH & CO., Forty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., are offering some new designs in wall paper.

A. D. MATTHEWS'S SONS, Pulton-st., Gallatin Place, Livingston and Smith sts., Brooklyn, are offering some attractions in the late creations in suits and costumes.

LORD & TAYLOR, Broadway and Twentieth-st., spring shirt waists, of which a special sale will be held to-morrow.

LUDWIG BAUMANN & CO., Eighth-ave. Phirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth ats., have placed on exhibition some attractive values in bedroom furniture. A large purchase enables them to offer their high grade dressers at one-third discount from their usual prices. They are in selected golden oak, birdseys maple or mahogany. Other offerings are carpets, white enamel furniture, up-hoistery, housefurnishings and special articles in household hardware. Catalogues free.

GEORGE C. FLINT CO., furniture dealers Nos. 43, 45 and 47 West Twenty-third-st., are to have on exhibition a line of antique and modern furniture, to which they invite the inspection of pargain hunters.

BEST & CO., Nos. 60 and 62 West Twenty-thirdcluding handmade garments and accessories for the tollet. In this department may be found bassinets, baskets, trimmed cradles, scales for weighing the buby, iceboxes for the nursery and travel-ling baskets. An assortment of boys' clothing is

ABRAHAM & STRAUS, Brooklyn, announce an offering to-morrow of 11,500 yards of printed satin oulards at a considerable reduction. Other specialties announced are new tailored suits for women and girls' wash dresses below price, women's new oxfords of French patent calf, sheer wool fabrics, new colored dress fubrics, imported armures and new black dress fabrics.

THE SIEGEL-COOPER COMPANY will open the preparatory Easter shopping season to-morrow, ready for all demands, and ready as never before. For weeks preparations for the annual spring rush have been under way, and no pales have been spared to make them complete. All the new styles in women's clething are fully represented, and there is nothing that is modish in costumes, waists or millinery that cannot be found here.

STERN BROTHERS, West Twenty-third.st., will exhibit to-morrow their spring importation of street, carriage and evening wraps, driving coats, apes and travelling garments. A special offering valles and traveling garments. A special offering will be mude of women's tailor made suits. There will be special inducements in hand made French lingerie, in addition to a large collection of domestic undergarments. New and desirable styles in shift waists, late importations in white goods and new spring styles in girls' and misses' clothing will be worthy of close attention.

ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO., Broadway and Duchesse, Point Applique, Point Venise and old English thread laces, lace flounces, bridal vells, collars, barbes, stocks, ruffs and rufflings, feather boas, embroidered alloyers, and robes, and an especial display of handkerchiefs, parasols and gloves.

KASKEL & KASKEL'S NEW STORE. The removal of Kaskel & Kaskel from their

Twenty-third-st, store to their new building, at Fifth-ave, and Thirty-second-st, marks another step in the uptown trend of the high class retail step in the uptown trend of the high class retail shops of this city. The Kuskel & Kuskel building is a notable example of architectural beauty. The exterior is in the architecture of the French Remaissance, and the building is seven stories high. The display windows are unique and very attractive. The main floor is finished in white manogany simply but beautifully carved. The waits are tinted in a light green, while the ceiling is finished in livory. The upper floors are reached by two elevators. The second floor is arranged in two departments. The front part is fitted up as a sales-room, where one can make his selections while sitting in inxuriously comfortable chairs or divana. This room is in acacian walnut, and the feature is a magnificent mantel and fireplace. MYSTERY ABOUT CHICAGO SHOPLIFTERS.

Chicago, March 15 (Special).-Mrs. Carrie Smith, laiming to be from Binghamton, N. Y., and her daughter, giving the name of Miss Rena Coler mittee, Martin E, McClary, Franklin County Committee, Martin E, McClary, Frederick J, Seaver, N. M. Marshall, Robert C. Thompson and A. C. Hadley.

NEVER TOO LATE.

If you have never looked over these "Little Ads. of the People," don't neglect to do so to-day.

Who were arrested in a downtown department store yesterday after, it is alleged, they had taken goods from the counters, were arraigned before Justice Hall at the Harrison-st. Station to-day. There was mystery as to the identity of the women. In court Mrs. Smith said that her daughter had steen nothing, but she admitted taking some handserchiefs herself. Justice Hall imposed a fine of \$25 on each of them. The women paid the who were arrested in a downtown department



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ENTERPRISE, CAPITAL AND FRESH EN ERGY WANTED.

(From an occasional correspondent of The Tribune.) St. Thomas, February 27. Just now a stillness has settled over this com-munity that is all the more remarkable after the excitement caused by the last telegram giving us to understand that a quick transfer might be expected. As this meets the wishes of nearly every one, things are more normal than they have been for some months, and the two parties-pro-sale and anti-sale-are beginning to salute each other It is hoped that this is a prelude to a perfect reconciliation, so that when the Stars and Stripe float over us we may all work together for the

The incoming of the Americans will not be a moment too soon. Business has declined to a great degree the last few years, and customs returns show a marked decrease in importations Enterprise and capital and an infusion of fresh rgy are sadly wanted. The harbor is dull at sent, only a couple of steamers being there, h a yacht and the Valkyrien, the latter waiting the transfer.

or the transfer.

Advices from St. Croix contradict every stateent that Herr von Jessen has made, either in
ew-York or Copenhagen. There is no doubt, howeer, that his statements have influenced to a ever, that his statements have influenced to a great degree the anti-sale party in Denmark. The planters in St. Crofx are hopeful, and are about to take off their crop with a lighter heart than they had three months ago. The three factories—Lower Lorf, the Central and La Grange—have begun grinding. There is a splendid crop to reap, and if prices were not so low a great deal of prospertly would be the result. What is especially desirable for these islands is a good line of steamers, with all the modern improvements, to take us in their route. Then we might expect to see many American tourists, as was the case twenty-live or thirty years ago. St. Thomas and St. Crofx are admirable health resorts for those who desire to escape the chill blasts of a Northern winter. There will be a hearty welcome for them, as there will be for the American squadron which is expected to arrive at these islands immediately after the exchange of ratifications.

THE FRENCH OPERA COMPANY. Oscar Hammerstein yesterday announced some

of the details of the engagement of the New-Orleans French Opera Company, which is to begin at his Victoria Theatre on March 31. The company will sing both grand and comic opera. The light opera repertory includes "La Jolie Parformeuse," "Le Petit Faust," "La Belle Helene," "Orphée aux Enfers," "Le Cœur et la Main," "Le Jour et la Nuit," "La Grande Duchesse," "François les Bas Bieus," "Boccaccio," "Miss Helyett," "La Timbale

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The grand opera section of the company will give but two performances the first week of the engagement at the Victorla—"La Juive" and "William Tell." The repertory for the first week is as follows: Monday and Tuesday evenings and Wednesday matinee, "La Juive"; Thursday and Friday evenings "La Juive"; Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee, "Miss Helyet," and Saturday night, "William Tell," There will be no increase in prices.

THE FIRE RECORD YESTERDAY. 12:40 a. m.—No. 14 West Twenty-second-st.: Mendls # Johnson; \$6,500.

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6:05 p. m.—No. 51 Park-st.; Victoria Haddetti; trifins. 6:50 p. m.—No. 244 West 127th-st.; Mary Decan; 5500.